

What Is Claimed Is:

1. An instrument cluster comprising:
a backplate;
a mask, said mask and said backplate formed
as a single component using a first shot of injection
5 molding; and
a dial formed onto said backplate using a
second shot of injection molding.
2. An instrument cluster as described in claim
1, further comprising:
10 an applique.
3. An instrument cluster as described in claim
1, further comprising:
a lens.
4. An instrument cluster as described in claim
15 1, wherein said dial comprises clear polycarbonate.
5. An instrument cluster as described in claim
1, wherein said mask comprises ABS.
6. An instrument cluster as described in claim
1, wherein said backplate comprises ABS.
- 20 7. An instrument cluster as described in claim
1, further comprising:
light emitting diode backlighting.

8. An instrument cluster comprising:
a backplate;
a mask, said mask and said backplate formed
as a single component using at least one shot of
5 injection molding; and
a dial formed onto said backplate using at
least one additional shot of injection molding.

9. An instrument cluster as described in claim
8, further comprising:
10 an applique.

10. An instrument cluster as described in claim
8, further comprising:
a lens.

11. An instrument cluster as described in claim
15 8, wherein said dial comprises clear polycarbonate.

12. An instrument cluster as described in claim
8, wherein said mask comprises ABS.

13. An instrument cluster as described in claim
8, wherein said backplate comprises ABS.

20 14. An instrument cluster as described in claim
8, further comprising:
light emitting diode backlighting.

15. A method of producing an instrument cluster
comprising the steps of:
25 forming a backplate and a mask as a single
component using a first shot of injection molding; and
forming a dial onto said backplate using a
second shot of injection molding.

16. A method of producing an instrument cluster
as described in claim 15, wherein said dial comprises
clear polycarbonate.

17. A method of producing an instrument cluster
5 as described in claim 15, wherein said mask comprises
ABS.

18. A method of producing an instrument cluster
as described in claim 15, wherein said backplate
comprises ABS.